

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of human sex trafficking on the Internet.

Whereas, Hoosier human sex trafficking victims have fallen prey to predators who use them in online adult service advertisements;

Whereas, Twelve to fourteen is the average age when children are first used in the business of commercial sex;

Whereas, Online advertising is one of the most visible activities of business in the state of Indiana;

Whereas, Online adult service advertisements have the ability to reach into hundreds of thousands of Hoosier homes on a daily basis;

Whereas, Online advertising on adult services Internet web



sites has been found to involve illegal activity including sex trafficking; and

Whereas, It is in the public interest for the state of Indiana to investigate whether regulation of online adult service advertisements would better protect those who are victimized by these advertisements when used for illegal purposes: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 2 legislative council to assign to a study committee the topic of human
- 3 sex trafficking on the Internet.
- 4 SECTION 2. That the study committee should:
- 5 (1) analyze the legal issues relating to the regulation of adult
- 6 service advertisements;
- 7 (2) analyze whether the Indiana courts would have jurisdiction
- 8 over Internet web sites that contain adult service advertisements
- 9 in Indiana;
- 10 (3) consider how other states have regulated adult service
- 11 advertisements; and
- 12 (4) determine appropriate sanctions for an entity that advertises
- 13 services that engage underage children in sex industries.

